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1. SUMMARY: THIS IS THE FIFTH AND THE LAST OF A SERIES

OF REPORTING CABLES FROM USDEL TO CAS-VII. END SUMMARY.

2. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SEVENTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION
FOR ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCES (CAS) FOLLOWS MUCH DISCUSSION
WAS DEVOTED TO THE PROPOSED WORLD CLIMATE PROGRAM. THE
CAS COMMITTEE ON GLOBAL CLIMATE WAS ORGANIZED IN PREPA-
RATION FOR THE EXPECTED IMPORTANT ROLE OF CAS NOT ONLY
IN THE EXECUTION OF THE PROGRAM, BUT ALSO IN ITS PLANNING.
THE COMMITTEE WILL COORDINATE CAS EFFORTS RELATED TO
CLIMATE. MEMBERSHIP COMPRISES BOVILLE (CANADA) (CHAIRMAN),
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J. M. MITCHEL (USA), COUGLAN (AUSTRALIA), AND BOHME
(GDR), PLS APPROPRIATE RAPORTEURS AND MEMBERS OF
WORKING GROUPS. THE FULL MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE
WILL PERHAPS NEVER MEET TOGETHER, BUT RATHER PARTICIPA-
TION IN MEETINGS WILL VARY FROM TIME TO TIME, DEPENDING
ON MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED. DISCUSSION OF INSTITU-
TIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PROGRAM WAS AVOIDED.

3. THE RELATIONSHIP OF CAS TO THE JOINT ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (JOC), AND THEIR RESPECTIVE ROLES WAS DISCUSSED AT LENGTH. TO PROMOTE CLOSER COORDINATION BETWEEN THE TWO BODIES, IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN IN THE REDRAFTING OF THE PRESENT WMO/INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF SCIENTIFIC UNIONS (UCSU) AGREEMENT COVERING THE JOC (AND IN ANY FUTURE WMO/ICSU AGREEMENTS SETTING UP ANALOGOUS BODIES) TO AFFORDING FULL EX-OFFICIO MEMBERSHIP TO THE PRESIDENT OF CAS. THE CAS ALSO WANTS TO ARRANGE FOR A LEAST ONE PERSON TO HOLD JOINT MEMBERSHIP IN THE WORKING GROUP ON NUMERICAL EXPERIMENTATION AND THE CAS WORKING GROUP ON WEATHER PREDICTION. BENGTSSON (SWEDEN) WAS NOMINATED CHAIRMAN OF THE CAS WORKING GROUP WHICH WILL TAKE CARE OF JOINT MEMBERSHIP. THERE IS SOME QUESTION ABOUT WHETHER HE WILL ACCEPT.

4. THE ELECTION OF VILLEVIEILLE (FRANCE) AND OBASI (NIGERIA) AS PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT, RESPECTIVELY, APPEARED TO BE CONTROLLED BY THE LESSDEVELOPED COUNTRIES. IT IS CLEAR FROM THE VOTE CAST FOR BOHME (GDR) THAT MEMBERS FROM IRON CURTAIN COUNTRIES STILL CANNOT BE ELECTED WITHOUT AMERICAN SUPPORT IN PARTICULAR, AND SUPPORT OF WESTERN NATIONS IN GENERAL. THE NEW FACTOR, HOWEVER, SEEMS TO BE THAT ELECTION OF MEMBERS FROM DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

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WILL REQUIRE SUPPORT FROM THE LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. FOR THE LATTER APPEAR TO BE POLITICALLY ORGANIZED.

5. STRONG PROTESTS WERE MADE ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION, PRINCIPALLY BY SPANISH-SPEAKING DELEGATIONS, AND CENTERED AROUND TRANSLATION OF DOCUMENTS. DURING THE LAST DAY'S MEETING, VIRTUALLY ALL WORKING PAPERS WERE AVAILABLE IN ENGLISH ONLY. CALDERA (VENEZUELA) IN PARTICULAR LODGED A STRONG PROTEST DIRECTED TO THE SECRETARIAT. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY ABJECT APOLOGIES BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOJKOV (SECRETARIAT). ALTHOUGH USDEL GATHERED THAT THE PROBLEM WAS WITH TRANSLATION SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL (PHILIPPINE) SECRETARIAT, THE PROTEST BY VENEZUELA WAS FOLLOWED BY PROTESTS FROM ALL THE SPANISH-SPEAKING DELEGATIONS, ONE-BY-ONE, AND ALL DIRECTED TO WMO SECRETARIAT. THEY ACCEPTED THE SITUATION IN ORDER TO FINISH THE SESSION, BUT DEMANDED THAT A FORMAL PROTEST BE LODGED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL BY THE PRESIDENT.

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VILLEVIEILLE AGREED. AFTER ALL OF THE CRITICISM BY OTHERS, QUINET (BELGIUM) COMPLIMENTED THE SECRETARIAT ON THE GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS, AND SULTAN (IRAQ) FOLLOWED, ALSO WITH COMPLIMENTS. ARAFILES (PHILIPPINES), ON BEHALF OF THE LOCAL SECRETARIAT, GRACIOUSLY ACCEPTED ALL BLAME FOR THE DIFFICULTIES WITH TRANSLATION. VILLEVIEILLE WAID THAT HE WOULD LODGE A PROTEST IN WRITING WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF WMO.

6. SEDUNOV (USSR) OBJECTED TO SHOWING THE NATIONALITY OF LABITZKE AS FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, AND WAS SUPPORTED BY BOHME (GDR). SHUMAN OF USDEL WAS SITTING BEHID SEDUNOV, WELL TO THE RIGHT, AND SEDUNOV SEEMED TO BE ENJOYONG THE DISUCSSION CARRIED ON BY REISER (FRG) AND BOHME. THE PRESIDENT DECIDED TO REFER THE QUESTION TO WMO, ALTHOUGH BOJKOV POINTED OUT THAT AFTER CAS-VI, THE U.N. HAD RULED THAT THE NATIONALITY OF WEST BERLIN RESIDENTS SHOULD BE SHOWN AS FRG.

7. WORKING GROUPS, WITH NUMBERS OF MEMBERS AND U.S. MEMBERSHIP IN PARENTHESES ARE: ADVISORY (7) (SHUMAN), AIR POLLUTION AND TROPOSPHERIC CHEMISTRY (5), WEATHER PREDICTION WITH CHAIRMAN (1) AND SUBGROUPS ON SHORT-
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RANGE (4) (HOVERMALE) AND ON LONG-RANGE (2) (GILMAN),

ATMOSPHERIC BOUNDARY-LAYER PROBLEMS (6) (WYNGAARD),
ATMOSPHERIC OZONE (5) (MACHTA), BIBLIOGRAPHIC
PROBLEMS (6) (RIGBY), TROPICAL METEOROLOGY (6) (GRAY),
SATELLITE METEOROLOGY (3), (WINSTON), CLOUD PHYSICS
AND WEATHER MODIFICATION (2) (CUNNINGHAM), GLOBAL
CLIMATE (4) (J.M. MITCHELL), ATMOSPHERIC CARBON
DIOXIDE (6) (KELLOGGS, GATES).

8. RAPPORTEURS WERE APPOINTED FOR MIDDLE ATMOSPHERE PROGRAM
(2), STANDARD AND REFERENCE ATMOSPHERE (KANTOR), PRO-
CESSING AND EXCHANGE OF METEOROLOGICAL DATA FOR
RESEARCH, INTERNATIONAL METEOROLOGICAL TABLES,
TECHNICAL REGULATIONS, ATMOSPHERIC TURBULENCE (LILLY),
HAIL SUPPRESSION, SUPPRESSION, ATMOSPHERIC RADIATION,
SOLAR-TERRESTRIAL RELATIONSHIP (SHAPLEY), CLIMATE DATA
AND SERVICES (POTTER), ROLE OF SEA-ICE IN THE
CLIMATE SYSTEM.

9. COMPOSITION OF ADVISORY WORKING GROUP IS
VILLEVIEILLE (FRANCE), OBASI (NIGERIA), GODSON (CANADA),
SHUMAN (USA), SEDUNOV (USSR), ZILLMAN (AUSTRALIA),
STEWART (U.K.)

10. ALL MAJOR UNITED STATES POSITION SUCCESSFULLY
CARRIED.

11. AN INFORMAL PROPOSAL BY ZILLMAN (AUSTRALIA) FOR
CAS-VIII TO BE HELD IN AUSTRALIA IN 1982 WAS ENTHUSIAS-
TICALLY RECEIVED BY THE COMMISSION AND LITERALLY WARMLY
APPLAUDED. SHUMAN SENDS.
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